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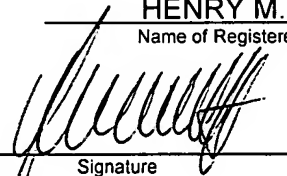
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: ECKARDT-5

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| In re Application of: |) |
| DIETER ECKARDT & CARSTEN REBBEREH |) |
| Appl. No.: 10/685,671 |) |
| Filed: October 15, 2003 |) |
| For: METHOD FOR PARAMETERIZING AN APPARATUS |) |
| |) Group Art Unit: 2171 |

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to B) which were cited in a European Office Action issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding European patent application No. EP 03 024 559.1. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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| A) | Germany | DE 197 28 841 | Robert Bosch | 02-04-1999 |
| B) | USA | US 5 077 670 | Takai et al. | 12-31-1991 |

A copy of reference A) is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes a monitoring method in which data is sent from one unit to the second unit, and the second unit sends at least part of the data back to the first unit, which then compares the two. It recognizes an error if the data differ, and in the second unit, the data are coded before transmission.

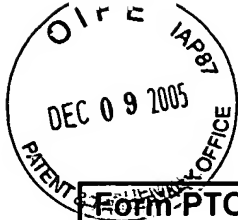
The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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